

### REMARKS

Applicant request early consideration of this reissue application.

37 CFR 1.173 (b), which related to “Making amendments in a reissue application” states:

An amendment in a reissue application is made either by physically incorporating the changes into the specification when the application is filed, or by a separate amendment paper. If amendment is made by incorporation, markings pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section must be used. If amendment is made by an amendment paper, the paper must direct that specified changes be made.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.173 (b), the amendments in this reissue application are made by this separate amendment paper that directs the Examiner to amend the specification to add information on the related parent application and to add new claims 7-16. The change in the last name of the inventor is made by incorporation pursuant to 37 CFR 1.173 (d).

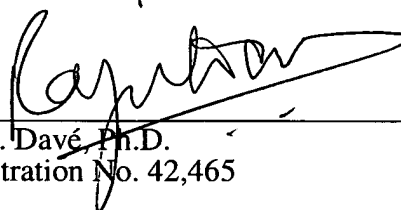
Furthermore, in accordance with MPEP 1410 (revised February 2003), “The oath or declaration, any matters ancillary thereto (such as the consent of assignee) ... may be submitted after the filing date pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(f).” Thus, the oath or declaration and the consent of assignee (if needed) will be submitted later. Note that MPEP 1410 further states, “It is no longer required that the reissue applicant should file an offer to surrender the original patent, see MPEP § 1416; it is only necessary that the patent be surrendered before the application is allowed.” Thus, the Applicant does *not* surrender the original patent at this point.

In the event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 251002008830. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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